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VIEW FROM THE TOWER

A news release was distributed January 12, 1974 announcing the second annual presentation of awards by The Associates NAL, Inc. Nominations for these awards are due by March 30, 1974 and should be mailed to Mr. M. Dean Trivette, Agriculture Library, Agricultural Science Center, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506.

To refresh your memory, the three awards are (1) Distinguished Service Award for notable performance by any member of the National Agricultural Library staff (2) Professional Achievement Award for meritorious contribution to library science by a member of the National Agricultural Library staff and (3) Citation of Special Recognition for significant contributions to agricultural literature or the performance

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Professional Activities	<u>Fund:</u> C.S. Shaffner

of outstanding service to agricultural libraries.

Mr. Trivette, Chairman, is supported by a very able Awards Committee composed of Miss Jolan Szendrey, Agricultural Experiment Station Library, Cook College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, Mr. Robert J. Myers, Librarian, Agriculture Library, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, and Mr. Binford H. Conley, Director, F.D. Bluford Library, Agricultural & Technical College of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC.

We are particularly grateful to Mr. Trivette for his success in obtaining financial support for two of the awards. This year the Citation of Special Recognition will be sponsored by The Thoroughbred Record Publishing Company. The award will be in the amount of \$100.00. The donor for the Professional Achievement Award is Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association. This stipend is also for \$100.00.

If any of our members know of potential sponsors for the Distinguished Service Award, contact our Awards Chairman directly.

Frank Frazier
President

HAPPENINGS AT NAL

Direct access to medical literature sources for agricultural scientists and researchers is now available through a memorandum of understanding between the National Agricultural Library (NAL) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM). NAL has installed a computer terminal at Beltsville, MD to obtain on-line access to the NLM MEDLINE system. NLM has agreed to provide access to its data base and to any other files necessary for its proper exploration. NAL will provide on-line bibliographic retrieval service within and outside of its immediate institution.

National Resources Copies of Agricultural Publications

Discussions were held with the librarians of the land-grant universities at the Agriculture and Biological Sciences Section Meeting of the American Library Association Mid-Winter Meeting in Chicago, January 21. Several questions concerned the agreement for the retention of land-grant agricultural publications as national resource copies by the state land-grant libraries. A variation in the Memorandum of Agreement, which was accepted, is that near perfect copies in the original format or microfilm copies will constitute compliance with the national resource designation. Participating in this project are the libraries of the University of Arkansas, Colorado State University, Universities of Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana State University, Universities of Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico State University, North Carolina State University, North Dakota State University, South Dakota State University, Virginia Polytechnic University, and the Universities of Wisconsin and Wyoming.

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR FIELD EMPLOYEES

NAL is moving in several areas towards the establishment of a National Agricultural Libraries Network, which will especially benefit USDA employees in the field. A recent pilot project tested the feasibility of shifting some of the library services, which the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, MD previously provided Department employees in the field, to a nearby library in their own area. The primary service tested was document delivery in original or photocopy. The land-grant university

libraries in Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi participated in the experiment. This pilot project served approximately 2,000 library patrons in these three states, who utilize literature in their research, testing, and management responsibilities.

On the basis of this successful pilot project, an expanded document delivery project to provide services to USDA field employees in the South has been initiated by the University of Georgia Libraries. The employees served are located in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina. USDA personnel submit document requests directly to their responsible USDA agency field library or the nearest land-grant institution library in their state. Forest Service and Agricultural Research Service personnel, who have previously used their agency field library services are expected to continue to do so. USDA employees in this six state area not previously served by an agency field library may go directly to the University of Georgia libraries.

The USDA agency field library, or receiving state land-grant institution will fill, if possible, the request and mail it directly back to the requestor.

The smaller land-grant institution libraries and the USDA field libraries refer unfilled requests to the largest land-grant library in their state for completion. The largest land-grant library in a state acts as the resource library for that state. Requests which cannot be promptly completed at the largest state land-grant institution library are channeled to the University of Georgia Libraries, which acts both as the resource for Georgia and as the six state regional resource center.

State resource libraries attempt to complete all requests coming to them when easily identified and when the bibliographic resources for verification are immediately available. Otherwise, the regional resource

performs the verification and the identification of locations for borrowing. Requests which are not filled at the University of Georgia Libraries are teletyped or mailed to NAL as the final resource.

Texas A&M University Library delivers documents to USDA employees in the entire state. Georgia and Texas successfully complete 80% of all requests received from USDA employees in their respective regions.

A similar document delivery system has been implemented by the University of California, Davis Library for USDA field personnel in the tri-state region of California, Arizona, and Oregon. Service includes both lending books and supplying photocopies. All requests must be specific titles. The U.C.D. Library works in cooperation with the libraries of the Universities of Arizona and Oregon. The Riverside Campus of U.C. receives requests from the southern region.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

The Board of Directors established two committees November 20, 1973.

NURSERY AND SEED TRADE CATALOG COMMITTEE: The Board approved a recommendation to seek funds for a feasibility study for (1) restoration of the Nursery and Seed Trade Catalog Collection at NAL, and (2) computerization of information contained in the collection. Members of the Committee are Mr. Robert F. Lederer, Executive Vice-President, American Association of Nurserymen, Inc., Dr. Richard P. White, Consultant, American Association of Nurserymen, Inc., and Mr. Charles R. Long, Administrative Librarian, The New York Botanical Garden. A paper describing the history and composition of the Nursery and Seed Trade Catalog Collection has been prepared by Mr. Henry Gilbert of the NAL Reference Staff. The Committee has endorsed publication of this paper in the nursery industry trade press. The paper is presently being readied for publication.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: This Committee was appointed to study a proposal for a symposium on American Agricultural literature to be held during the coming Bicentennial. A tentative title has been suggested - American Agriculture: Proud Heritage - Future Promise. The symposium will, of course be sponsored by The Associates NAL. It is the hope of the Board that the Committee will develop the content of the Symposium and a proposal for which the Associates could seek a grant from some foundation. Five people have been approached for membership on the Committee. Those who have accepted so far are Dr. Wayne D. Rasmussen, Agricultural Historian, USDA and Dr. Alan Fusonie, NAL. Miss Julia Davis, Colonial Williamsburg, Inc. has accepted tentatively. Two correspondents remain to be heard from. A draft proposal for a grant has been circulated to the Committee.

GIFT TO NAL The Associates contributed \$71.76 on March 1, 1974 towards the cost of a refrigerator for NAL. Total cost was \$143.52. The balance was made up by the Library Employees Advisory Committee.

POULTRY HALL OF FAME Dr. E.M. Funk has advised NAL that the American Poultry Historical Society will honor five persons in August 1974 and that their portraits will be delivered to the Library soon thereafter for display in the Poultry Hall of Fame.

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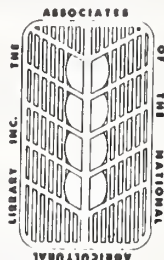
JULY 1, 1973 - JUNE 30, 1974

July 1973	Draft No. 7 of "Today" Newsletter	[completed]
August 1973	Complete award of travel grants from the Professional Activities Fund.	[moved up to February 1974]
	Complete draft of 1973 annual monograph	[postponed]
	Issue "Today" Newsletter	[completed]
September 1973	Draft No. 8 of "Today" Newsletter	[completed]

	Publish 1973 annual monograph	[postponed]
	Report to Rockefeller Foundation on the Professional Activities Fund	[moved up to February 1974]
October 1973	Issue No. 8 of "Today" Newsletter	[completed]
	Contact Committee Chairmen for reports	[completed]
November 1973	Board of Directors Meeting	[completed]
December 1973	Review Board Meeting Report	[completed]
	Draft plans for carrying our new activities	[completed]
	New Committees established Bicentennial Symposium Committee Nursery and Seed Trade Catalog Committee	

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March 8, 1974

SUBJECT: Professional Activities Fund Final Report
For Period September 1972 - February 1974
(Rockefeller Grant GA AGR 7215)

TO: John A. Pino
Director, Agricultural Sciences
The Rockefeller Foundation

The Professional Activities Fund was established for the expressed purpose of assisting foreign students, studying at library schools in the United States, with the costs of transportation and per diem for attendance at professional meetings and workshops.

The grant of \$5,000 for the one year period beginning September 1, 1972 was extended to February 28, 1974.

A Committee to administer the grant was established immediately upon receipt of the grant.

Chairman: Dr. C.S. Shaffner, University of Maryland
Advisors: Miss Angelina J. Carabelli, President,
The Associates NAL, Inc.
Dr. Dorothy I. Parker, Member,
The Associates NAL, Inc.

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Analysis Division, National Agricultural
Library, USDA

Members: Dr. Richard Blanchard, Director of Libraries
University of California, Davis
Miss Mildred Benton, Member, The Associates NAL, Inc.
Mr. Foster E. Mohrhard, Program Officer,
Council on Library Resources.

The period September- December 1972 was devoted to drawing up guidelines, procedures and application forms.

A news release, announcing availability of travel funds for foreign agricultural library students studying in the United States was distributed widely to the professional media. The response was gratifying.

Out of seventeen applicants awards of travel grants were made to nine applicants.

1. Adegoke Kolade Adeniji (Nigeria) \$ 506.75
Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Travel grants to attend:
American Library Association Annual Convention [426.75]
June 24 - 30, 1973 Las Vegas

National Agricultural Library Workshop [80.00]
Beltsville, Maryland August 8 - 9, 1973
2. Jacob Oluwafemi Fasanya (Nigeria) 598.75
Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Travel grants to attend:
American Library Association Annual Convention [426.75]
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Forest Products Library, USDA, Madison, [172.00]
Wisconsin Field Trip
3. Aruna Gaiind (India) 520.00
Department of Library Science
St. John's University
Jamaica, New York

Travel grant to attend:
American Society for Information Science
Annual Meeting, October 21 - 25, 1973
Los Angeles
4. Emelyn S. de Leon (Philippines) 437.00
Science Information Program
Illinois Institute of Technology
Chicago, Illinois 60616

Travel grant to attend:
American Society for Information Science
Annual Meeting, October 21 - 25, 1973
Los Angeles

5. Maria Carmen Ortega (Venezuela) \$ 515.00
School of Library Sciences
Drexel University
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Travel grant to attend:
American Society for Information Science
Annual Meeting, October 21 - 25, 1973
Los Angeles
6. Naimuddin Qureshi (Pakistan) 506.75
Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Travel grant to attend:
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National Agricultural Library Workshop [80.00]
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7. Rachmad (Indonesia) 505.00
Work-Study Program
National Agricultural Library
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Beltsville, Maryland

Travel grant to attend:
American Society for Information Science
Annual Meeting, October 21- 25, 1973
Los Angeles
8. K. Subramanyam (India) 506.75
Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Travel grants to attend:
American Library Association Annual Convention
June 24 - 30, 1973 Las Vegas [426.75]

National Agricultural Library Workshop [80.00]
Beltsville, Maryland September 13 - 14, 1973

9. Miss Kh. Siavosh Haghighi (Iran) \$ 200.00
College of Agriculture Library
Pahlavi University
Shiraz, Iran

Per diem expenses for:

Work-Study Program (8 days)
 National Agricultural Library
 Beltsville, Maryland

Written reports on their experiences and impressions were received from Miss Aruna Gaiind, Miss Emelyn S. de Leon, Miss Maria Carmen Ortega, Mr. Rachmad, and Mr. K. Subramanyam. Since no particular format was required for these reports, each reflects the author's own style and individuality. Copies of these reports are included as an appendix. (Copies not included with this Newsletter).

Professional Activities Fund (Rockefeller Grant GA AGR 7215)

Item	Budgeted	Spent	Balance
Administrative Costs	325.00	368.38	-43.38
Discretionary Fund			
for Committee	400.00	290.00	+109.68
Travel Grants	<u>4,275.00</u>	<u>4,296.00</u>	<u>-21.00</u>
	\$5,000.00	\$4,954.70	\$ 45.30

A check for the unspent balance (\$45.30) is enclosed.

Leila Moran
 Executive Secretary
 The Associates NAL, Inc.



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